demolishing the present Armory and reserve what it would have otherwise cost to move it for the use of the Military Department in a plan for erecting a new Armory at a later date. It was suggested that General Reckord get in touch with the State Law Department and secure the views of that Department as to the legality of his proposal.

The Board deferred the acceptance of any of the bids for the demolition of structures and moving of the Armory until such time as it would be in possession of the views of the Attorney General in the matter.

General Reckord requested permission of the Board to award a contract to the Carstrand Engineering Company, in the amount of \$42,600.00, for the construction of a State Armory at Denton, Maryland, for which an appropriation of \$50,000 was included in the General Bond Issue of 1937.

General Reckord advised the Board that the site for the Armory had been given to the State, and that it was expected a new Armory would be completed by October 16th, 1938. The contract was duly approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF FUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 6TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, July 6th, 1938.

Present

Harry W. Nice, Governor, Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller, Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

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The Governor stated that Mr. Clark Ellis of the Baltimore Building Trades Council had requested permission to appear before the Board of Public Works and that he had been told he would be heard if he would appear at today's meeting at 2:30 P.M. Mr. Ellis did not appear at any time while the Board was in session, and the Board was unable, therefore, to know what it was he wanted to discuss.

Mr. Henry P. Hopkins and Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architects and Mr. James Posey, Engineer for the new State Office Building, appeared before the Board in connection with the type of stokers to be used in the work of additions to the State Power Plant equipment for the new State Office Building.

During the preceding week representations had been made to the members of the Board by the Flynn and Emrich Company, Baltimore, as to the stokers made by them. The question of stokers was gone into quite fully, and after the Architects and the Engineer had stated that they were willing to approve the use of stockers made by the Flynn & Emrich Company, the Board authorized the use of those stokers. The bid of Charles T. King, Inc., which was accepted at the meeting of the Board on June 29th, 1938 allows a reduction of \$600.00 from their bid of \$30,600 if Flynn and Emrich stockers are used in lieu of either Detroit or Westinghouse stockers.

The question of increasing the height of the chimney was brought up, and while there was some thought that the present chimney would be adequate to take care of the increased capacity in the boilers in the Power House, Mr. Posey recommended in order to remove any doubt as to whether the present chimney would be adequate that the height of the chimney be increased in accordance with the proposal of Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Company, which proposal was accepted by the Board at the meeting of June 29th. Mr. Posey's recommendation was approved.

Mr. Blakeman presented to the Board for approval Budget Amendments as follows -

University of Maryland, dated June 16th, 1938, showing increases amounting to \$1,600.00, with decreases aggregating the same amount.

State Department of Health, dated June 9th, 1938, showing increases amounting to \$31,653.95, with decreases aggregating the same amount.

State Department of Health, dated June 9th, 1938, showing increases amounting to \$10,551.32, with decreases aggregating the same amount.

The Public Schools and The Bowie Normal School, dated June 18th, 1938, showing increases amounting to \$3,000,00, with decreases aggregating the same amount.

The Public Schools - Salisbury State Teachers College, dated June 21st, 1938, showing increases amounting to \$3,500.00, with decreases aggregating the same amount.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to it by Mr. Samuel E. Shannahan, Chairman, Board of State Aid and Charities, under date of June 9th, 1938, in which the Board of Public Works was requested to authorize the expenditure of up to \$10,000 from the Budget of the Public Assistance Division, for the purpose of making a study of medical facilities in the State of Maryland, as set forth in a resolution adopted by the Board of State Aid and Charities, and which resolution was set forth in Mr. Shannahan's letter of June 9th.

The Secretary was instructed to hold the requisition until further information could be obtained. The Board was uncertain as to its right to approve the use of the funds in the manner indicated.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to Governor Nice under date of May 31st, 1938 by Robert R. Inskeep, Barton, Md., in which the Governor was requested to see what could be done about having erected at Barton on Temperance Row a wall which would save the property owners on that Street from damage from flood waters.

The members of the Board agreed it would be impossible for the Board to do anything about the request, and that if any help could be given these property owners it would have to come through the County.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 22nd, by Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, in which approval was requested for the purchase of approximately 900 acres of land, in two tracts, at \$5. per acre, from the estate of Dr. M. K. Thomas, Garrett County, Maryland.

The authority to purchase this land was duly approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Taylor & Fisher, Architects, relative to work on the Morgan College Library. The Architects advised that bids had been received for various work to be done and equipment to be furnished, all of which was fully set forth in a letter dated June 20th, 1938 addressed to Mr. M. E. Gilmore, Regional Director, P.W.A. New York by Dr. J. O. Spencer, Chairman of the Building Committee of Morgan College.

The Board approved the proposed contracts as set forth in the letter of June 20th already mentioned.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. G. L. Buckler, Secretary, Board of Trustees, St. Mary's Female Seminary, with copy of resolution adopted by the School on June 8th, 1938, in which it was recommended that the water tower and tank be painted and that the frost covering around standpipe be protected from the onslaught of woodpeckers by ehclosing same with sixteen ounch sheet copper. Mr. Buckler in his letter of June 20th, advised the Board that the School has no funds available to do the contemplated work and that the matter was being brought to the attention of the Board of Public Works for such action as the Board saw fit to take.

The Board decided it was unable to take any action because of the fact that it had no funds at its command to cover the cost of the recommended work. The Board stated it would have no objection to the work being done by the School if the School could take care of the cost of the work out of its own money.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 24th, 1938 from Mr. A. Stengle Marine, Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, in which authority was requested to enter into a lease with the Professional Building, Baltimore, for the necessary space for housing the offices of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics. The lease for the premises now occupied by the Commissioner, at 16 W. Saratoga Street, expires at noon October 31st, 1938. The rental of the present quarters is \$3,000 per year. The rental of the proposed quarters in the Professional Building would be \$2,537.50, including larger space and better facilities.

The Board approved the request that the quarters in the Professional Building as outlined be leased for a term of one year beginning November 1, 1938.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 30th, 1938, By Mr. Frank C. Robey, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, in which it was stated that during the sale of licenses in the month of May the office had accepted without detection two bogus five dollar notes, which were detected by the Equitable Trust Company when deposited with that bank.

Mr. Robey requested that his office be relieved of the responsibility for the loss incurred.

Mr. Robey's request was duly approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary Secretary

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, relative to the approval of right of way, easement area and drainage rights called for on the State Roads Commission plat #2619, at State Teachers College at Salisbury, submitted with Mr. Cook's letter. The request for approval was agreed to.